

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: GTE MIDWEST INCORPORATED, CONTEL OF MINNESOTA, INC., d/b/a GTE MINNESOTA, AND CRYSTAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	DOCKET NO. NIA-99-34
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**ORDER APPROVING NEGOTIATED
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

(Issued March 21, 2000)

On December 23, 1999, GTE Midwest Incorporated, Contel of Minnesota, Inc., d/b/a GTE Minnesota, and Crystal Communications, Inc., filed a negotiated interconnection agreement for Utilities Board (Board) review pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). The Board issued an order identifying the proceeding as Docket No. NIA-99-34 allowing any interested party the opportunity to submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing. No comments were filed.

The statutory standard to be applied by the Board in its review is in two parts: (1) whether the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or (2) whether the implementation of the agreement or a portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A). The filed agreement satisfies the two-part standard and will be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The negotiated interconnection agreement filed by GTE Midwest Incorporated, Contel of Minnesota, Inc., d/b/a GTE Minnesota, and Crystal Communications, Inc., on December 23, 1999, reviewed by the Utilities Board in a proceeding identified as Docket No. NIA-99-34, is approved to be effective upon the issuance of this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 21st day of March, 2000.